

I believe people who can master Morse code should be allowed more frequency space. However I believe others should have access to some of the HF bands. I support the ARRL recommendations.

Some people are worried that the amateur bands might end up like the CB bands. But I don't believe that learning Morse code guarantees morality and the amateur radio community does a good job of self policing. I am sixty years old and of high character. As a Technician, I participate and drill with ARES/RACES in my area. I went through the background checks to become a Disaster Service Worker, radio operator, for my county.

I truly wanted to pass the code exam and upgrade to General so I could have access to the HF bands. I memorized the dots and dashes of Morse code but I was never able to "hear" it past a few characters at only one word per minute. Some people say that I should practice this way or that way. I tried several ways but always hit a wall. I believe that people are just born with certain abilities. Some are smarter. Some are more athletic. Some are musically inclined, etc. Some of us can never learn Morse code. But that does not mean we cannot be responsible hams.

Also there are a lot of hams with higher licenses who never use Morse code and could not pass the Morse code exam today.